WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1. A method of facilitating access to documents, comprising:

2   assigning a first document tag to a document; and

3   automatically determining an associated tag for the document based on the first

4   document tag.

1   2. The method of claim 1, wherein the document comprises content to be

2   provided to a content reader via a communication network.

1   3. The method of claim 2, wherein the content comprises at least one of: (i) text

2   information, (ii) image information, (iii) audio information, and (iv) executable

3   information.

1   4. The method of claim 2, wherein the communication network comprises at least

2   one of: (i) the Internet, (ii) an intranet, (iii) a public network, (iv) a public switched

3   telephone network, (v) a proprietary network, (v) a wireless network, and (vi) a local area

4   network.

1   5. The method of claim 2, wherein the content comprises at least one of: (i)

2   financial information, (ii) financial news, (iii) information about financial events, (iv)

3   investment information, and (v) market information.

1   6. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one tag is associated with at least one

2   tag domain.

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1   7. The method of claim 6, wherein at least one tag domain comprises a single-

2   rooted, hierarchical data structure.

1   8. The method of claim 6, wherein at least one tag domain comprises a multi-

2   level domain, and at least one domain level comprises a plurality of tags.

1   9. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one tag is associated with at least one

2   of: (i) an author, (ii) a date, and (iii) an information type.

1   10. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one tag is associated with at least one

2   of: (i) a sector, (ii) an industry, (iii) a research type, (iv) a company, (v) an issuer, (vi) a

3   region, (vii) a country, (viii) an investment product, (ix) a security instrument, (x) a third-

4   party rating, (xi) a research analyst, (xii) a strategist, (xiii) an event type, (xiv) a subject,

5   (xv) an investment style, (xvi) a market cap, (xvii) a document type, (xviii) an

6   information value, and (xix) a currency.

1   11. The method of claim 1, wherein said assigning is manually performed by at

2   least one of: (i) a content publisher, and (ii) a tag assignor.

1   12. The method of claim 1, wherein the document comprises content to be

2   provided to a content reader, and said assigning is automatically performed based on the

3   content.

1   13. The method of claim 1, wherein the first document tag comprises at least one

2   of: (i) a primary tag, and (ii) a secondary tag.

1   14. The method of claim 1, wherein a plurality of document tags are assigned to

2 the document.

1   15. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining comprises:

2   determining the associated tag in accordance with a pre-determined tag

3 association.

1   16. The method of claim 15, wherein the pre-determined tag association is

2 associated with at least one of: (i) a start date, (ii) an end date, (iii) antecedent tags, (iv)

3 descendant tags, and (v) sibling tags.

1   17. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   automatically generating the pre-determined tag association.

1   18. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   assigning a second document tag to the document based on the associated tag.

1   19. The method of claim 1, wherein said assigning of the second document tag

2 comprises:

3   transmitting an indication of the associated tag to a content publisher;

4   receiving an indication from the content publisher; and

5   assigning a second document tag to the document based on the associated tag and

6 the received indication.

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1 20. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   receiving the document from a content publisher.

1 21. The method of claim 20, wherein documents are received from a plurality of

2 content publishers.

1 22. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   retrieving the document in accordance with at least one of: (i) the first document

3 tag, and (ii) a second document tag.

1 23. The method of claim 22, wherein the document is retrieved further in

2 accordance with at least one of: (i) a reader tag, (ii) a request tag, and (iii) an entitlement

3 tag.

1 24. The method of claim 22, further comprising:

2   transmitting the retrieved document to a content reader via a communication

3 network.

1 25. The method of claim 24, wherein said transmitting is performed via at least

2 one of: (i) a content controller, (ii) a content reader, (iii) a personal computer, (iv) a

3 server, (v) a portable computing device, (vi) a telephone, (vii) a Web site, and (viii) an

4 electronic mail message.

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2 research documents, comprising:

3   receiving an investment research document from a content publisher;

4   receiving an indication of a first document tag from the content publisher,

5   wherein the first document tag is associated with a single-rooted, hierarchical data

6   structure;

7   automatically determining an associated tag for the document based on the first

8   document tag;

9   transmitting an indication of the associated tag to the content publisher;

10   receiving an indication from the content publisher;

11   assigning a second document tag to the investment research document based on

12   the associated tag and the received indication;

13   retrieving the investment research document in accordance with the second

14   document tag and at least one of: (i) a reader tag, (ii) a request tag, and (iii) an entitlement

15   tag; and

16   transmitting the retrieved investment research document to a content reader via a

17   communication network.

1   27. An apparatus, comprising:

2   a processor; and

3   a storage device in communication with said processor and storing instructions

4   adapted to be executed by said processor to:

5   assign a first document tag to a document, and

6   automatically determine an associated tag for the document based on the

7   first document tag.

1   28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said storage device further stores at least

2   one of: (i) a tag database, (ii) a document database, and (iii) a tag association database.

1   29. The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising:

2   a communication device coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate

3   with at least one of: (i) a content publisher, (ii) a document storage device, (iii) a content

4   controller, (iv) a content reader, and (v) a payment service.

1   30. A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to

2   perform a method of facilitating access to documents, said method comprising:

3   assigning a first document tag to a document; and

4   automatically determining an associated tag for the document based on the first

5   document tag.

1   31. A method of facilitating access to documents, comprising:

2   creating a document;

3   transmitting the document to a content controller along with an indication of a

4   first document tag;

5   receiving an associated tag from the content controller; and

6   transmitting to the content controller an indication of whether or not a second

7   document tag should be assigned to the document based on the associated tag.

1   32. A method of facilitating access to documents, comprising:

2   receiving a pre-determined tag association;

3   retrieving a first document tag for a document; and

4   determining an associated tag for the document based on the pre-determined tag

5   association and the first document tag.

1   33. The method of claim 32, wherein said retrieving and determining are

2   performed for a plurality of legacy documents.

1   34. The method of claim 32, wherein said retrieving the first document tag is

2   further associated with at least one of: (i) tag translation, and (ii) content evaluation.

1   35. The method of claim 32, wherein the received pre-determined tag association

2   comprises an adjusted tag association.

1   36. A method of facilitating access to documents, comprising:

2   assigning a primary document tag to a document; and

3   assigning a secondary document tag to a document.

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